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RE: Revisions to the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.035 Open Burning

Dear Ms. Adams:

On behalf of Governor Sisolak, as his appointed designee, this letter informs you of our transmittal submitted electronically to USEPA's State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) of revisions to the Washoe County portion of the Nevada applicable state implementation plan (SIP). The revisions regard the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.035 Open Burning. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) requests approval of the enclosed revisions into the Nevada applicable SIP.

Open Fires are currently prohibited throughout Washoe County from November through February, during peak wintertime inversion season and residential woodstove burning use. This prohibition is in place to help reduce pollution levels within the Truckee Meadows Hydrographic Area 87 (HA87). Between March and October and based on approval from the local fire protection districts, open burning is allowed in Washoe County, with the exception of HA87. Open burning within HA87 between March and October is allowed if it meets at least one of the five exemptions. The most common exemption request is for having ditch or water delivery facilities on their property. In over 20 years, only one resident has requested an exemption due to a "public safety hazard" with no other reasonable alternatives for eliminating the hazard.

Based on meetings with the local fire protection districts and data collected in the spring of 2019, the proposed revision was developed allowing open burning under appropriate conditions year round in Washoe County, with limitations on properties on which open burning can occur in HA87. The proposed revision will allow for more opportunities for open burning year round within Washoe County during favorable weather conditions for both air quality and public safety.

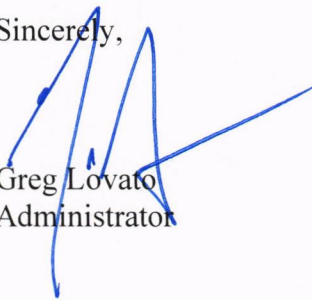
The revisions were adopted by the Washoe County District Board of Health on September 26, 2019. If you should have any questions about this submittal or require additional clarification, you may contact Daniel Inouye or Francisco Vega at (775) 784-7200.

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Sincerely,



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